



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>**

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-4652)

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Present: President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell,
Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Shan Lee and
Commissioner James Barger

1. Call to Order. (14-4348)

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Vice President Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of September 10, 2014. (14-4349)

Vice President Campbell requested an amendment on page 1; that her name be added to the opening statement.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and duly carried by the following vote, this item was approved as amended:

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Commissioner James Barger

Abstentions: 2 - Secretary Sara Vasquez and Commissioner Shan Lee

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II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Hearing on application for issuance of new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to Mitch Metzner for Anam Cara, located at 1178 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga, CA 90290 in the Third District. (14-4582)

This item was tabled to allow time for the applicant to arrive. This item was discussed after Agenda Item No. 9.

Mitch Metzner, representative for Anam Cara, provided an overview of the organization. Mr. Metzner explained that the organization will open a six bedroom in-patient AIDS hospice in April 2015. An outdoor music festival will serve as a fundraiser and an opportunity to raise awareness in the community.

In response to questions posed by President Afriat. Mr. Metzner confirmed that hospice care services will be provided to patients with any condition and it is not limited to AIDS patients. The organization will be admitting patients 18 years of age and older who need two to six months of hospice care. The location is currently a single-family residence with a capacity of six patients. Mr. Metzner confirmed that financial decisions are made by board members and agreed to require two signatures on checks.

President Afriat encouraged the organization to decrease expenses for future fundraising events.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the issuance of the new Information Card.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Commission received the Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Ayes: 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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4. Hearing on application for Annual Dance/SC for the City of Santa Clarita, Business License ID# 141589, to issue a new license to Cameron Cole, member of To The Pointe Dance & Pilates Centre, LLC, located at 25834 McBean Pkwy., Valencia, CA 91355 in the Fifth District. (14-4581)

Note: This item was discussed after Item No. 2.

Rita Bowman, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for an Annual Dance business license and the hearing is being held for the City of Santa Clarita. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; the City of Santa Clarita has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Briana Nelson, co-owner of To The Pointe Dance & Pilates Centre, provided a brief overview of the business. Ms. Nelson indicated that the studio offers dance lessons to patrons 2-18 years of age and pilates to patrons 13 years of age to adult.

In response to questions posed by Commissioner Barger. Ms. Nelson indicated that the hours of operation are seven days a week, 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

In response to questions posed by President Afriat. Ms. Nelson confirmed that the studio provides dance shows and is located in a shopping center that includes sufficient parking; a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is not required.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license:

Ayes: 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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5. Hearing on application for issuance of new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to Robert Withers for Rowland High School Raider Education Foundation, located at 2000 S. Otterbein Ave., Rowland Heights, CA 91748 in the Fourth District. (14-4583)

Robert Withers, representative for Rowland High School Raider Education Foundation, provided an overview of the organization. Mr. Withers explained that the organization is a partnership of both the

community and Rowland High School; it was created to raise funds for the school and its students.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Mr. Withers confirmed that bingo is only for the organization and other forms of fundraising are anticipated. Mr. Withers confirmed that financial decisions are made by board members, an accountant works directly with their bank, and an audit is regularly conducted; and two signatures are required on checks.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Barger, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the issuance of the new Information Card.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Barger, and unanimously carried, the Commission received the Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Ayes: 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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6. Hearing on application for Bingo Operator, Business License ID# 139662, to issue a new license to Yvette Marie Romo, Secretary for the Rowland High School Raider Education Foundation, located at 2000 S. Otterbein Ave., Rowland Heights, CA 91748 in the Fourth District. (14-4580)

Yvette Marie Romo, Representative for Rowland High School Raider Education Foundation, provided a brief overview of the business. In response to questions posed by Commissioner Lee, Ms. Romo indicated that bingo will serve as a source of fundraising for the organization. Commissioner Lee asked TTC to clarify the comment on the Fire Department approval form. Rita Bowman, TTC, explained that the comment is a recommendation for the organization. President Afriat added that fire extinguishers are not required; however, if present, annual service is required. Commissioner Lee referenced the comment on the Regional Planning approval form and clarified that the department does not have jurisdiction over zoning matters on school property.

In response to questions posed by Commissioner Lee, Ms. Romo confirmed that bingo games will be held in the school gymnasium with approximately more than 100 attendees and the annual goal is to raise approximately \$350,000.

In response to questions posed by President Afriat, Ms. Romo confirmed that bingo attendees are monitored at the door and must provide identification to ensure they are 18 years of age or older. Ms. Romo confirmed knowledge of the Los Angeles County Bingo Ordinance.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license:

Ayes: 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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- 7.** Hearing on application for Bingo Manager, Business License ID# 139663, to issue a new license to Martin Romo II of the Rowland High School Raider Education Foundation, located at 2000 S. Otterbein Ave., Rowland Heights, CA 91748 in the Fourth District. (14-4588)

Agenda Item Nos. 7, 8 and 9 were discussed jointly.

In response to questions posed by Commissioner Lee, Robert Dino Padilla, President of the Rowland High School Raider Education Foundation indicated that financial management regulations are included in the organization's bylaws and acknowledged Title 7 of the Los Angeles County Code regarding bingo operations.

In response to questions posed by Commissioner Lee, Martin Romo II, Representative for the Rowland High School Raider Education Foundation indicated that both he and his wife have been working towards the success of the organization.

In response to questions posed by Commissioner Lee, Joanne Chow Itagaki, 1st Vice President of the Rowland High School Raider Education Foundation indicated that she also serves as the treasurer for the organization and acknowledged Title 7 of the Los Angeles County Code and regulations regarding bingo operations.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Mr. Padilla confirmed that only monetary prizes are awarded and the organization plans to involve other school clubs, parents and the community to continue with the operations of the organization.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Barger, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license:

Ayes: 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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8. Hearing on application for Bingo Manager, Business License ID# 139678, to issue a new license to Robert Dino Padilla, President of the Rowland High School Raider Education Foundation, located at 2000 S. Otterbein Ave., Rowland Heights, CA 91748 in the Fourth District. (14-4590)

Agenda Item Nos. 7, 8 and 9 were discussed jointly.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license:

Ayes: 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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9. Hearing on application for Bingo Manager, Business License ID# 139677, to issue a new license to Joanne Chow Itagaki, 1st Vice President of the Rowland High School Raider Education Foundation, located at 2000 S. Otterbein Ave., Rowland Heights, CA 91748 in the Fourth District. (14-4592)

Agenda Item Nos. 7, 8 and 9 were discussed jointly.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license:

Ayes: 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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III. CONSENT CALENDAR

10. 90-Day review of Entertainment-General W/Dance/Annual Dance, Business License ID# 140683, for Casa Escobar Malibu Beach, LLC, Russell T. Harvey, located at 22969 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265 in the Third District as requested at the meeting of July 9, 2014. (14-2999)

Eric Barnes, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that no complaints were received by his office.

President Afriat referenced a complimentary letter addressed to the Commission from a neighbor of Casa Escobar Malibu Beach, LLC, to the Commission.

President Afriat clarified that the Commission restricted the use of outside patio music; however, the Commission has the authority to relax the restriction.

Latayvius Alberty, County Counsel, referred to the July 9, 2014 minutes and indicated that modifications to the conditions are under the purview of the Commission.

Ms. Harvey requested permission to allow live music on the patio, Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Secretary Vasquez suggested that Ms. Harvey obtain a knowledgeable sound technician to assist with creating an appropriate sound environment.

Commissioner Barger encouraged Ms. Harvey to remain sensitive to the surrounding neighbors and to resolve complaints immediately to avoid escalating the issue to the Commission.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission modified and added the following conditions:

- **Live entertainment is not allowed on the patio is limited to Sundays, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. only;**
- **Any complaints received by TTC to be brought before the Commission for review.**

Ayes: 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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IV. REPORT

11. Commissioners' Comments. (14-4351)

The Commission reviewed the calendar for October and November and agreed to cancel the following meeting dates:

October 15, 22, 29, 2014.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-4353)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

13. Adjournment for the meeting of October 8, 2014. (14-4354)

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Secretary Vasquez, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.